<u>Guidance: SCID screening evaluation:</u> checklists for immunology services

Immunology services and teams should record information as described in these checklists.

<u>Guidance: Businesses approved to export to the EU</u>

Use the lists to check your business in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) or one of the Crown Dependencies (Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man) is approved to export to the EU, and find out what your TRACES number is.

Russia: UK-US joint statement on first anniversary of poisoning of Alexey Navalny

News story

The UK and US have issued a joint statement on the first anniversary of the poisoning of Alexey Navalny.



One year on from Mr Alexey Navalny's poisoning on 20 August 2020, the United Kingdom and the United States of America reaffirm our condemnation of the

assassination attempt on Mr. Navalny through the use of a nerve-agent of the "Novichok" group, a substance developed by Russia.

We call on Russia to comply fully with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), including its obligations to declare and dismantle its chemical weapons programme.

We remain determined to uphold the global norm against the use of chemical weapons, support the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the full implementation of the CWC. We regret that the Russian authorities have failed to investigate and credibly explain the use of a chemical weapon against Mr. Navalny on Russia's territory, in light of Russia's obligations as a State Party to the CWC.

We welcome sanctions actions made by international partners and will continue to coordinate with international partners on further measures. Today the UK and the US join in taking further action against the individuals directly responsible for carrying out the poisoning of Mr. Navalny. As we did after Russia's use of a chemical weapon against the Skripals in the United Kingdom in March 2018, we continue to underline that there must be accountability and no impunity for those that use chemical weapons.

We reiterate our interest in stable and predictable relations with Russia, on the basis of full compliance with and implementation of international obligations and commitments.

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Russia: UK sanctions FSB operatives over poisoning of Alexey Navalny

News story

The UK has sanctioned the Russian FSB operatives directly responsible for Novichok attack on Alexey Navalny.



Today, on the anniversary of Alexey Navalny's poisoning with a banned nerve agent of the "Novichok" group, the UK has announced asset freezes and travel bans against seven Russian nationals, under the UK autonomous Chemical Weapons sanctions regime.

The sanctioned individuals are directly responsible for planning or carrying out the attack on Mr Navalny in Tomsk on 20 August 2020. These measures have been taken alongside our US allies.

This is the second round of sanctions under the UK autonomous Chemical Weapons regime. In October 2020, the UK sanctioned six individuals and one entity responsible for masterminding the poisoning of Alexey Navalny.

Today's sanctions are targeted towards those who carried out the attack.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

Since the horrific poisoning of Alexey Navalny took place a year ago, the UK has been at the forefront of the international response against this appalling act. Through our chemical weapons sanctions regime and at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, we are sending a clear message that any use of chemical weapons by the Russian state violates international law, and a transparent criminal investigation must be held. We urge Russia to declare its full stock of Novichok nerve agents.

The UK and its partners have repeatedly called on Russia to conduct a full and transparent criminal investigation into Mr Navalny's poisoning. Russia continues to ignore these calls and has failed to provide a plausible explanation into how a nerve agent came to be used on Russian territory.

These sanctions on members of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) demonstrate that the UK and its partners will continue to hold those responsible to account for their actions and uphold the Chemical Weapons Convention.

In light of Mr Navalny's politically-motivated arrest and detention and the upcoming State Duma elections, we also underline our support for democracy, including free and fair elections, the rule of law and human rights in Russia.

<u>Guidance: Marburg virus disease:</u> <u>origins, reservoirs, transmission and</u> <u>guidelines</u>

Marburg virus is a Filovirus which, along with Ebola virus, can cause a severe and fatal viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF).